

Fairy/Folk Tales from the world for age 5-8 years old

(Volume 1)

England

Three little pigs.

Once upon a time there were three little pigs Niff-Niff, Nuff-Nuff and Naff-Naff. They travelled far to find better place to live and they found some remarkable valley with beautiful forest and meadows and springs. They are very happy but Naff-Naff said: "We need to build house in case of the bad weather or even worse there is wolf!" Niff-Niff and Nuff-Nuff after some thinking agreed but choose easy path. Niff-Niff quickly built hut from dry leaves and happily announced that his house is good to use. Nuff-Nuff have spent a little more time and build house with straws from hay and also announced that his house is good. At the same time Naff-Naff was building brick house, so it took him to work whole summer until his house became ready and this include stove and chimney and fireplace. Then in the autumn when leaves were falling and became cool they have spent more time at home. One evening Niff-Niff met wolf and wolf chased Niff-Niff to a home where Niff-Niff barely escaped and locked the door. Wolf yelled: "Open door!" Niff-Niff trembling with fear said: "No way!" Wolf yelled: "I will whistle and I will blow and come inside!" Niff-Niff said nothing. So wolf whistle and blew so strongly that Niff-Niff hut fell apart and Niff-Niff barely escaped wolf and ran to Nuff-Nuff house and locked door behind. Wolf came to Nuff-Nuff house and yelled: "Open door!" Nuff-Nuff trembling with fear said: "No way!" Wolf yelled: "I will whistle and I will blow and come inside!" Niff-Niff and Nuff-Nuff said nothing. So wolf whistle and blew so strongly that Nuff-Nuff hut fell apart and Niff-Niff with Nuff-Nuff barely escaped wolf and ran to Naff-Naff house and locked door behind. Naff-Naff was expecting brothers and told them: "Don't worry. I am ready!" Wolf yelled: "Open door!" Niff-Niff and Nuff-Nuff trembling with fear but Naff-Naff said: "You can try!" Wolf yelled: "I will whistle and I will blow and come inside!" Wolf whistle and blew but nothing happened. Wolf grew tired. He looked at chimney and decided to get inside of the house at night. But Naff-Naff put cauldron of boiling water inside fireplace and when wolf got inside he fell into cauldron and burned. He went back up the chimney and escaped badly burnt and left the forest forever. So three little pigs Niff-Niff, Nuff-Nuff and Naff-Naff were living happily after.

Peter Ignoramus

Once upon a time in the village lived widow with son Peter.

Peter was working very hard and kept his farm in good shape and his mother was doing all housework.

She always was worried about Peter as everyone in the village called him Ignoramus as he lacks abilities of sound judgment. If he was going to the market to sell a pig he could return with a chicken as someone promised that this chicken would bring blue eggs, and he was naïve to believe this.

Mother knew that villagers laughed at him and one day she asked Peter to go to faraway woods to see old, very old witch and ask her to give him more common sense. So Peter's mother put in his knapsack some food like cheese, bread, hardboiled eggs and ham and blessed him for a long road to the woods. Peter travelled for a month until he reached hut where old witch lives.

And he asked witch to help him to get more common sense.

Witch said nothing but asked him to do some tasks as chop wood, bring water, catch fish in the stream and dry it, etc.

Finally witch said to Peter to solve the riddles with promise if he will do this he will be cured:

- 1) Which is heavier- pound of feathers or pound of rocks?
- 2) I whisper through the trees, I howl in the night, I can bent the strongest, but I am out of sight. What am I?
- 3) I can be a gentle kiss or a raging storm's face, I can splash and I can freeze, in every time and place. What am I?
- 4) I'm not alive, but I can grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air. I can be hot or cold, but I always leave a mark. What am I?
- 5) What walks on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon and three at night?

Peter was pretty sure about first riddle as he was thinking: "Of course pound of rocks is heavier than pound of feathers!" but he had no clue about others and he decided to leave to find if someone can help.

While he was walking he came to a beautiful town and heard the noise. And he saw that crowd is chasing girl. The girl stopped at Peter and hugged him and begged: "Don't let them take me as they want me to marry old lord!"

Peter looked at beautiful girl with blond half braided hair and told her: "I am not going to let anyone to touch you against your will!" and told her : "My name is Peter!"

The girl said: "My name is Mary!"

Now they were surrounded by a crowd and Peter yelled: "I am going to cripple anyone who would dare to come closer!"

People were discussing the situation and Mary and Peter heard what they were saying.

One voice said: "I am not going to risk my limbs as this man is very strong!"
The other voice: "Anyway she is not good enough for our lord and she cannot be obedient wife!"

Finally they came to conclusion to expel her from the town forever and they told this decision to Mary.

When they left Mary turned to Peter and kissed him and she asked Peter where he is heading.

Peter told her that in his village everybody is calling him Ignoramus and his mother sent him to visit old witch to get common sense.

And Peter told her that witch gave him few riddles and he cannot solve them except one and the riddles are:

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- 4) I'm not alive, but I can grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air. I can be hot or cold, but I always leave a mark. What am I?
- 5) What walks on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon and three at night?

And Peter added: "I am pretty sure that pound of rocks is heavier than pound of light feathers.

Mary was laughing and her laugh was like silver bells.

When she stopped laughing she said seriously: "If you ready to take me as your wife I am going to help you in everything in your life."

Peter could not believe that such beautiful girl can choose him,

He just asked: "Can you solve the riddles?"

Mary said: "I can do it for you!"

Peter said: "Then let us go to see the witch!"

When they came to the witch hut and Peter stepped forward as Mary was standing behind Peter.

So witch repeated:

Which is heavier- pound of feathers or pound of rocks?

Mary whispered to Peter: "They weight the same!"

And Peter told witch: "They weight the same!"

"That is right!"-said the witch.

And she asked another riddle:

I whisper through the trees, I howl in the night, I can bent the strongest, but I am out of sight. What am I?

Mary whispered to Peter: "The wind."

And Peter told witch: "The wind!"

"You are right again!"-said witch and asked next riddle:

I can be a gentle kiss or a raging storm's face, I can splash and I can freeze, in every time and place. What am I?

Mary whispered to Peter: "Rain."

And Peter told witch: "Rain!"

"You are right again!"-said witch and asked next riddle:

I'm not alive, but I can grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air. I can be hot or cold, but I always leave a mark. What am I?"

Mary whispered to Peter: "Fire."

And Peter told witch: "Fire!"

"You are right again!" -said witch and asked next riddle:

"What walks on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon and three at night?"

And Mary whispered to Peter: "Man as when baby born he crawl, when man grow he walk on two feet and when man is old he walk with cane."

And Peter told witch: "Man as when baby born he crawl, when man grow he walk on two feet and when man is old he walk with cane."

Then witch told Peter: "You are cured and now you can go home!"

Peter kissed Mary and they returned to his village.

After Peter and Mary wedding no one dared to joke about Peter as his farm grow and they had children, beautiful house and they lived happily after.

France

Tale about man, his wife and their daughter.

Once upon a time there was a man and he had wife and daughter.

One day he proposed to the family to go to vineyard to eat grapes.

They agreed and went to vineyard.

But man was eating grapes handful at a time and soon he was full and asked his wife and daughter to return home. But they enjoyed eating one berry at a time and refused to go home.

The man went home and told his dog: "Go and bite my wife and daughter!"

The dog: "Master, I don't want to bite your wife and daughter!"

The man picked up wooden stick and told it: "Go and beat the dog, so dog would bite my wife and daughter and to force them to return home promptly!"

The wooden stick said: "Master, I don't want to beat the dog!"

Then man threw wooden stick into the fire and said: "Burn this wooden stick to make it beat the dog, so dog would bite my wife and daughter and they would return home promptly!"

But the fire said: "Master, I don't want to burn wooden stick!"

Then man asked water: "Extinguish the fire or let it burn this wooden stick to make it beat the dog, so dog would bite my wife and daughter and they would return home promptly!"

But water said: "I don't want to extinguish the fire!"

Then the man said to oxen: "Go and drink all water to force water to extinguish the fire or let it burn this wooden stick to make it beat the dog, so dog would bite my wife and daughter and they would return home promptly!"

But oxen said: "Master, we don't want to drink water!"

Then man took ox yoke to harness oxen but ox yoke said: "Master, I don't want to do this!"

Then the man said to rat: "Rat please gnaw the ox yoke so ox yoke let me harness oxen to force them to drink all water to force water to extinguish the fire or let it burn this wooden stick to make it beat the dog, so dog would bite my wife and daughter and they would return home promptly!"

But rat said: "Master, I don't want to gnaw ox yoke!"

Then the man said to cat: "Cat! Catch and eat the rat! So rat would gnaw the ox yoke so ox yoke let me harness oxen to force them to drink all water to force water to extinguish the fire or let it burn this wooden stick to make it beat the dog, so dog would bite my wife and daughter and they would return home promptly!"

And cat decided to catch the rat and rat ran to gnaw the ox yoke so ox yoke let man harness oxen and oxen went to drink all water then water decided to extinguish the fire then fire started burning this wooden stick and wooden stick went to beat the dog, so dog ran to bite his wife and daughter and laughing wife and daughter returned home promptly!"

India

Mouse and Holy Pundit

There was a mouse who was living in the forest.

One day she walk and see Holy Pundit tied to the tree.

Pundit asked mouse to cut the rope and in exchange he is going to grant her 3 wishes.

When mouse cut the rope Holy Pundit went to his Temple and mouse followed.

Then Pundit asked mouse about her first wish.

Mouse said: "I want to be a cat!"

Pundit gave mouse some seed, she ate it and in the morning mouse turned into cat.

Happy mouse run into the forest but when she met cat she run away to pundit breathing heavily.

Pundit asked mouse: "What is wrong?"

Mouse said: "I want to be a dog so every cat would be afraid of me!"

Pundit gave mouse some seed, she ate it and in the morning mouse turned into dog.

Happy mouse run into the forest but when she met cat she run away to pundit breathing heavily.

Pundit asked mouse: "What is wrong?"

Mouse said: "I want to be a tiger so every cat would be afraid of me!"

Pundit gave mouse some seed, she ate it and in the morning mouse turned into tiger.

Happy mouse run into the forest but when she met cat she run away to pundit breathing heavily.

Pundit asked mouse: "What is wrong?"

Mouse said: "I met really big cat!"

Then Pundit said: "Even tiger with heart of the mouse will be afraid of cat!"

Pundit gave mouse some seed, she ate it and in the morning mouse took her original state.

And Pundit let this little mouse to live in his temple.

Tiger and the Man or if there is Justice on Earth!

One day Man was walking in jungles and heard roar of a tiger.

He came closer and found that tiger was caught in the cage.

When tiger saw a Man he begged: "Please, let me out. I am not going to harm anyone anymore."

Man said: "You promise?"

Tiger: "Believe me I am changed!"

But when the Man let tiger out tiger said: "I am hungry and I am going to kill you!"

And Man in fear begged: "This is not just, you promised!"

Tiger said: "There is no justice on Earth. Let us go into the forest and ask 3 times anyone if there is justice on Earth. And if everyone would tell that there is no justice I will kill you."

First they came to a fig tree and tiger asked: "I was caught in the cage and this man helped me out as I promised not to harm anyone. Now I am hungry and I want to kill this Man. And he is saying that this is not just! Tell us if there is justice on Earth?"

Fig tree told them: "I was giving men shade and fruits for years but this morning wild boar cut and raised my roots and I am dying. There is no justice on Earth!"

Tiger: "And what did I tell you?"

But Man put soil on the fig tree roots and fig tree felt relief.

They go further into the jungle and they met old parrot and tiger told parrot: "

"I was caught in the cage and this Man let me out. I promised to him not to kill anyone but I am hungry. And this Man is saying that this is not just!

But everyone we met saying that there is no justice on Earth! What do you think?"

And parrot said: "I never harmed anyone but every year big boa constrictor coming and killing my chicks! There is no justice on Earth!"

Tiger: "And what did I tell you? I am going to kill you now as I am hungry"

Man climbed the tree and build the nest for parrot so high that boa constrictor cannot reach.

Then Man said: "But we discussed to ask 3 times."

Tiger is losing patience but when he saw monkey he caught her and asked:

"I was caught in the cage and this Man let me out. I promised to him not to kill anyone but I am hungry. And this Man is saying that this is not just!

But everyone we met saying that there is no justice on Earth!"

Monkey look very scared and she said: "In order to me to understand the problem I must see how all of this happened."

So all of them returned to the case and tiger pointed at the cage and said:

"I was in this cage when Man let me out!"

Then monkey said: "How can I believe that you are such big and can fit this cage?"

Tiger is losing patience and decided to show how it was. He raised trap door and entered cage.

Then monkey promptly dropped trap and locked tiger in the cage.

With the sign of relief monkey said: "If the tiger is in the cage again there is Justice on Earth!"

Kazakhstan

Why camel looking back when drinking water!?

In very old times camel was most beautiful animal with long tail and strong antlers.

One day deer came to camel as asked that he want to borrow his antlers for one day as he was invited for a party. And camel gave him his antlers.

Next day horse came and borrowed camel tail for a week.

After some time camel went to see horse and asked her to return his tail.

Horse did not object but said: "When you will get antlers I would return tail."

Then camel went to deer who shed his antlers and when camel asked for his antlers deer said: "Come next year and I would return your antlers!"

That is why camel always is looking back when drinking water as he expect to get back his antlers and tail.

Tat people of Caucasus Mountains

Lion, wolf and fox.

Once upon a time Lion went for a walk and met Wolf and Fox.

Lion started talking while Wolf and Fox were trembling with fear.

Lion said: "Don't be scared. I am offering you friendship!"

Happy Wolf and Fox together said: "Best of elders, we agreed. What would you want us to do?"

Lion: "Let us hunt together and bring catch to Maydun (main square in lion kingdom)."

They caught goat, pheasant and fox brought chicken. And left everything on Maydun.

When Lion became hungry they went to Maydun and Lion told Wolf to decide how they would share the catch.

Wolf: "Oh Shah, You are the biggest so you would take a goat, I would take pheasant and chicken would go to Fox!"

Angry Lion cut off wolf head and asked in threatening voice to Fox:

"Now you divide the food!"

And the Fox told Lion: "Oh, Shah, You take goat for a breakfast, pheasant for lunch and chicken for dinner!"

Happy Lion told Fox: "Oh dear Fox, tell me who taught you how we should split the catch?"

Fox: "head of Wolf told me!"

From this time Lion was hunting with Fox.

Story about how very young man bought beard!

Once upon a time there lived old and rich merchant and he had 16 year old son.

One day son told his father: "Father I am adult and would like to see the world!"

But father considered his son is still a child refused.

They were arguing a lot and finally merchant gave his son 3000 ershafi (money) and sent him with trade caravan. And son travelled to towns and villages, covered valleys and mountains and one day he arrived to rich big town.

He left all his belongings and carts with his goods at caravanserai and walk into the town.

He visited bazaars, stores and at one Gadykan (town square where people gathered, exchanged news, drink coffee, play chess and backgammon...) noticed noble official with huge red beard and everyone passing by was paying him respect.

He came closer and approached this official and asked him to sell his beard.

This official was thinking that it is a joke and laughed but boy was serious.

When boy offered 1000 ershafi for the beard he out of desire to make laugh told that he is going to sell his beard for 2000 ershafi. They made sale contract and registered it with office of the town ruler. Official wanted boy to cut his beard and leave but boy said that this is not a right time and left for home.

When he came home his father said: "Where is all your goods?"

Boy said: "Make room for the best china sets in the world that I am going to bring!"

Then he rode on horseback to the house of this official and he was carrying paintbrush and colored paint.

This day was a big gathering at official yard and many leaders of local tribes were there. Boy started painting official beard in different colors and everybody was surprised to see this. Official

feeling awkward proposed to give boy back his 2000 ershafi to annul contract but boy refused, so everyone was asking boy to annul contract for more money and finally boy agreed to annul contract for 10000 ershafi.

For this amount boy bought finest china and brought it home.

Stores of old merchant were very busy selling goods.

This story became known to people and boy's father made him chief merchant of the town.

Stories of people of Caucasus Mountains

Wise old crow.

Black-throated jay (bird) was crying as crow flying nearby stopped and asked what is the reason that she is crying so desperately.

"Please go! Nobody can help me!"-cried black-throated jay.

But old crow persisted and black-throated jay told crow her story:

"It already 10 years when my chick hatches a beast coming and threatening to cut the tree and all bird nests on the tree would fall and their chicks would die! And she took all my chicks"

Old crow asked:"And how this beast look like?"

Black-throated jay told crow:"It has red hair and his ears like sharp end of the spear!"

Old crow laughed.

Black-throated jay said:"What is so funny as my chick hatched and the beast coming soon?"

Old crow said:"This beast is canny Fox. If she come tell her that you can let her to cut tree and watch what she is going to say."

Next day fox came and told Black-throated jay:"Drop your chick on the ground or I will cut tree!"

Black-throated jay said:"Then cut the tree, as I am no longer afraid of you!"

The Fox said: "Ok, I spare your tree but tell me who told you about me?"

Black-throated jay: "Wise old crow told me not to be afraid of Fox!"
Hungry Fox was thinking that she lost nice food and she should do something about damn crow.

Fox run into the woods and covered her body in mud and clay and pretended dead.

For 2 days fox did not moved and old crow noticed this and decided that the Fox is dead. And came close to peck Fox in the eye and Fox caught the old crow.

Then crow told the Fox: "I am very old and my body is hard as piece of rock. I am ready to die but I am afraid if you would say Bismillah Alleluia! My body would become soft as of young chick!"

Fox is thinking: "This is true and it is not very pleasant to chew on old and hard meat!" after this thought Fox said: " Bismillah Alleluia!" and opened mouth.

And wise old crow flew away.

Hungary

Seeker of immortality.

Was this true or wasn't. In very old times when fly was bigger than horse.

Across 7 countries, 7 continents and 7 big oceans on the straw was built a big city.

There was old man and he had a Son. When Son grew up father send him to learn all trades, every possible skills. Son travel the world learning skills and when he returned home his father noticed that Son is overly concerned with something.

He asked Son what is bothering him as he is very handsome, very skilled.

Son replied: "Whatever we do we are going to die someday!"

Father said: "Yes, this is true, but we have life to live."

Then Son told father I am going to find place where people don't die. Forgive me father!" Father kissed Son and told him to follow his dream.

And Son left. He travelled to faraway countries and one day he found valley with the big tree in the middle. And there is Eagle who trying to uproot tree with his beak.

When Eagle saw Son he dropped on the floor and turned to be a man.

He asked Son where he is holding his path. And the Son told him:"I am going to find the place where people don't die!"

Then man-Eagle invited him to his castle.

At his castle he introduced Son to his beautiful daughter and told Son:"Stay with us and be part of my family. You should know it would take 600 years for me to uproot the tree!"

The Son said:"I am going to continue my quest for the land where people don't die!"

The Daughter of man-Eagle hugged him and gave him small box and told him: "Inside the box is my portrait and every time you look at it you can move in the air as fast as you can think only!"

Son thanked them for kindness and left. He travelled further than anybody can imagine and finally he came to mountain where Bald Man was dismantling the mountain carrying baskets of earth. Son asked this Man:"What are you doing?"

Bald Man told him that this is his Fate to dismantle the mountain. And Bald Man brought him to his castle to stay. And the Bold Man has beautiful daughter. They asked Son where he is heading. Son told them that he is going to find the place where people don't die!" Bald Man told Son that it would take 800 years to dismantle the mountain and said:

"Stay with us and be part of my family!"

Son thanks Bald Man and his beautiful daughter and said:"I am going to continue my quest for the land where people don't die!"

Then Bald Man beautiful daughter gave him golden ring and told him that he can go any place he wished with help of the ring which let him to move in a blink of an eye anywhere.

And Son use the magic box to further away until he found one kingdom but nobody spoke his language and finally he found man who could understand him and invited him to see the Queen. Queen was very beautiful young woman and when she asked Son about his intentions he said:"I am going to find place where people don't die!"

Then Queen invited him to a huge room with floor filled with needles.

And Queen said: "I have Fate to do needlework until all needles become dull. Stay with me as a family. And it would take 1000 years until all needles become dull."

Son thanked Embroiderer Queen and said: "It will last 1000 years but I am going to continue my quest for the land where people don't die!"

Then Embroiderer Queen gave Son little golden branch which can be turned into anything he desire."

Son continued his journey and arrived to the end of the world and he noticed huge city in the sky built on the straw. He took little golden branch and wished to turn it into the bridge. When it turned into the bridge he went to the city.

And beautiful woman greeted him and asked: "Where you came from and what are you looking for?"

Son said: "I am going to find place where people don't die!"

Beautiful woman said: "You found what you were looking for as I am Queen of Life and Immortality and you can stay in my city!"

Son was very happy and enjoyed life with Queen of Life and Immortality. But 1000 years past so fast as a blink of an eye. One night Son had a dream that he is talking to his parents and felt such desire to see them that he told Queen of Life and Immortality: "I am going back home!"

Queen of Life and Immortality tried to stop him but Son did not want to listen.

So Queen of Life and Immortality gave Son 2 Bottles one with Life water, one with Death water and kissed him goodbye.

Son on his way home made first stop at Embroiderer Queen castle where he found her sleeping at her needlework. He put few drops of Death water then Life water and Embroiderer Queen became alive and even better than she was before death.

Embroiderer Queen opened eyes and said: "How long I was sleeping?"

Son said: "You would be sleeping to eternity if I did not come! Now I am sending you to my city to Queen of Life and Immortality!"

Embroiderer Queen thanked Son and he left.

Next Son made a stop at the place where there was before a mountain and found Bald Man and he used Death and Life water to bring him and his family back to life.

Bald man asked the Son: "How long I was sleeping?"

Son said: "You would be sleeping to eternity if I did not come! Now I am sending you and your daughter to my city to Queen of Life and Immortality!"

Bald Man daughter thanked Son and he continued his trip.

Next time Son made stop at the place where was huge tree for man-Eagle who was sleeping. He used Death and Life water to bring him and his family back to life.

Man-Eagle woke up and asked: "How long I was sleeping?"

Son said: "You would be sleeping to eternity if I did not come! Now I am sending you and your daughter to my city to Queen of Life and Immortality!" and he continued his trip.

When he came to his old town searching for parents he saw Old Witch of Death

And Witch said: "I was waiting for you for 900 years!"

Son touched the ring and wished to go to city of Queen of Life and Immortality."

When he was on the walls of the city of Queen of Life and Immortality Old Witch of Death caught his foot but Queen of Life and Immortality was already there and she said: "How you dare to come to my Kingdom?"

Old Witch of Death said: "He is mine!"

Queen of Life and Immortality said: "His other foot is in mine castle! We can't tear him up. I propose to throw him to the stars and if he would fall into the Castle he is mine."

Old Witch of Death said: "I agree!"

Queen of Life and Immortality threw him up to the stars to the 7 Heaven beyond Morning Star. And he disappeared.

It took time but when Son was falling back on Earth he was falling on the walls of the Castle and Queen of Life and Immortality was very worried but at last time Light South Wind blows and Son fell inside the Castle.

Queen of Life and Immortality told the Old Witch of Death: "Now leave mine Kingdom!"

And Old Witch of Death left.

There was big celebration in the Kingdom of Queen of Life and Immortality.

And Son from these times lives a happy life.

The End

These stories were retold, translated into English from different resources so they are not exactly the same as they were told in their native languages.

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